



HUGO PALMER RACING

APRIL - MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER



“Welcome to the third bimonthly edition of our newsletter. It is amazing to think that we are already into June and the horses are really beginning to thrive. The recent rain has altered running plans for lots of the horses, but it may play to our strengths at Royal Ascot this week.”

Hugo

2019 SEASON STATS

Winners: **17** Placed: **47** Runners: **130** Strike Rate: **13%** Prize Money: **£279,681**



HEAVENLY HOLLY (ridden by Ryan Moore) winning the All-Weather Fillies' And Mares' Championships Conditions Stakes at Lingfield

RACING ROUNDUP APRIL - MAY 2019

The undoubted highlight of the year so far was HEAVENLY HOLLY's (Shamardal - Happy Holly) victory at Lingfield. She rewarded the patience of her owners and breeders, Hunscombe Stud, when winning the All-Weather Fillies' And Mares' Championships Conditions Stakes which included the handsome prize of £93,375 on All-Weather Championship Day. Drawn in the widest stall, she jumped smartly under a masterful ride from Ryan Moore who dictated the pace from the front to perfection. In the straight, she showed a good turn of foot to kick on from the pack and then gamely hold on to win by a length. More recently HEAVENLY HOLLY has earned some well-deserved Black Type, when finishing third in the Cecil Frail Listed Stakes at Haydock, which will be very important to her value in the breeding shed.

April was an excellent month for our stable. Early in the month LOVELY APPROACH (New Approach - Lovely Pass) shed his maiden tag at Southwell, rewarding the patience of his owner Dr Ali Ridha. He is a homebred and the first foal of Lovely Pass who won the UAE 1000 Guineas in 2013, so it was great to see him break his maiden and we have his Golden Horn two year old sister to follow him on.

EL GHAZWANI (Cape Cross - Almansoorah) continued his good form as he recorded his second consecutive win of the season for owner Hamad Rashed Bin Ghedayer in a Class 3 Handicap at Lingfield. He showed real guts and tenacity to hold on in the straight and it is testament to his genuine attitude that he has not been out of the winner's enclosure all season. He has really improved this year as a four year old and hopefully there will be more to come from him. He is now the winner of three, and I hope he will be able to do as well on the turf.

COLLIDE (Frankel - Scuffle) won a Class 3 Handicap at Kempton on his first outing of the season for owner Prince Khalid Abdullah. The race was not run to suit and he showed class and a fantastic attitude, when coming off a very slow pace, to stay on gamely to win.



EL GHAZWANI (ridden by James Doyle) winning a Class 3 Handicap at Lingfield



KAHINA (ridden by Jack Mitchell) winning a Classified Stakes at Brighton

KAHINA (Camelot - Close Regards) enhanced her value when breaking her maiden nicely at Brighton for owners, the MPH Close Regards Syndicate. She jumped well, travelled nicely through the race and finished off strongly, eventually winning with a bit in hand. She is a three parts sister to Australian Group One winner Magic Hurricane and will be offered at the Tattersalls July Sale.

It was also great to see **WALL OF SAPPHIRE (Lawman - Bright Sapphire)** become a winner. She is a sister to former stable favourite WALL OF FIRE. WALL OF FIRE was our first runner in Australia when second in the Group Two Herbert Power Stakes at Caulfield and he carried the hopes of the stable into the Melbourne Cup where unfortunately he sustained an injury.

SET PIECE (Dansili - Portodora) ran a good race in the Group 3 Craven Stakes to finish third, beaten just a couple of lengths, and he went to the 2000 Guineas carrying all of our hopes that he could run a big race. Unfortunately it was not to be. He couldn't get any cover and seemingly he didn't like the ground that had become a little bit loose. He has shown much better before the Guineas and I hope very much that he will again.

ROYAL ASCOT PREVIEW

Royal Ascot, which is the highlight of the flat racing calendar, is upon us. Ascot comes up very early in the season and the whole racing industry goes there with their highest hopes. We are not alone in that, and we have a chance of having runners most days.

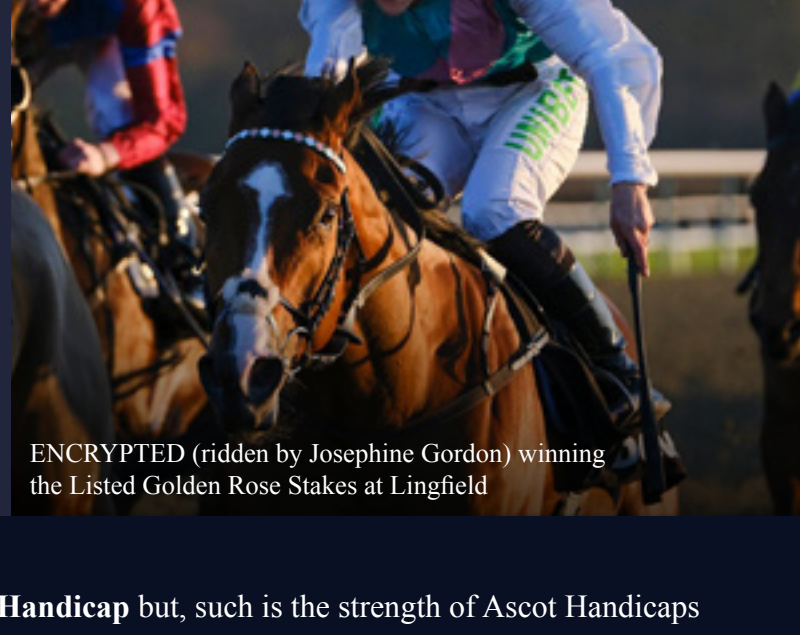


COASE (ridden by Ben Curtis) winning a Novice Auction Stakes at Carlisle

COASE (Zoffany - Sharnberry) was our first two year old winner of the season when he bolted up at Carlisle by four lengths on 30th May. He showed professionalism and a great attitude to win readily. He could easily be our first runner of the meeting in the Coventry Stakes (on Tuesday); although, he has plenty of speed and could easily drop back to five furlongs for the Windsor Castle (on Wednesday).

SET PIECE (Dansili - Portodora) will likely be the highlight of the Thursday for us as he will run in either the Britannia Stakes or the Hampton Court over ten furlongs. He has pleased me enormously since disappointing in the 2000 Guineas and is showing all the right signs at home. If we go the Hampton Court route, he is certainly bred to appreciate the step up in trip, although he has shown plenty of speed to run very well on three occasions over a mile.

Stable stalwart **GIFTED MASTER (Kodiac - Shobobb)** looks likely to lead the way in the Wokingham (Saturday) and, as a Group Three winner over course and distance in the Pavilion Stakes, now that he is back to a mark of 107 he could be extremely competitive. He will be joined in the Wokingham by **ENCRYPTED (Showcasing - Disclose)** who beat GIFTED MASTER in the Listed Golden Rose Stakes, back in November at Lingfield and in doing so brought up back to back victories for the stable in that race.



ENCRYPTED (ridden by Josephine Gordon) winning the Listed Golden Rose Stakes at Lingfield

HEAVENLY HOLLY is a third entry for the Wokingham Handicap but, such is the strength of Ascot Handicaps now that, I think her rating of 97 is likely to be insufficient to gain a run, and she will need to win between now and next Saturday in order to get a penalty to get into the race. She is likely to run at Chelmsford in the Listed Charlotte Stakes.



COLLIDE (ridden by James Doyle) winning a Handicap at Kempton

Everybody hopes for lovely weather at Ascot - to see flat racing at its best on fast ground. However, one of the few beneficiaries of any rain that might arrive would be **COLLIARDIE** who could line up in the Duke of Edinburgh Handicap on Friday. He stays a mile and a half well and, although he ran brilliantly at York on very fast ground, we believe he is better with cut in the ground and so the cloud of ruined picnics could possibly be lined with silver in the shape of COLLIDE.

STAFF PROFILE: CHARLOTTE KERRY

HUGO PALMER RACING, TRAVELLING HEAD GIRL

Background: Originally from Essex, I grew up around horses and competed in show jumping at school. I completed the British Racing School course when I was seventeen, and have been at Hugo Palmer Racing ever since.

Favourite part of the job: Being able to travel the horses both domestically and internationally, particularly the ones that I ride daily.

What is your biggest achievement to date? Getting the job as second traveller for Hugo when I was just nineteen.

What is a career lesson you've learned thus far: To be flexible and reliable and therefore be trusted to travel the horses.

Favourite horse: JAMES STREET (Gale Force Ten - Paris Glory) who is owned by MM Stables, as I ride and look after him every day. He has won three times whilst I've had him and always tries in his races.

Interests away from Racing: Travelling back home to see my horse VOICE OF DUBAI that I rehomed from the yard when he retired from racing. I used to ride him every day in the yard and I was given the offer to rehome him from some lovely owners, Rabbah Racing, that wanted him to go somewhere nice, and to someone they knew.



Charlotte Kerry and JAMES STREET at York racecourse

HORSES FOR SALE

We still have some shares in horses available for the 2019 season:

LOVER'S MOON b f (2017)

(Make Believe - Night Fever)

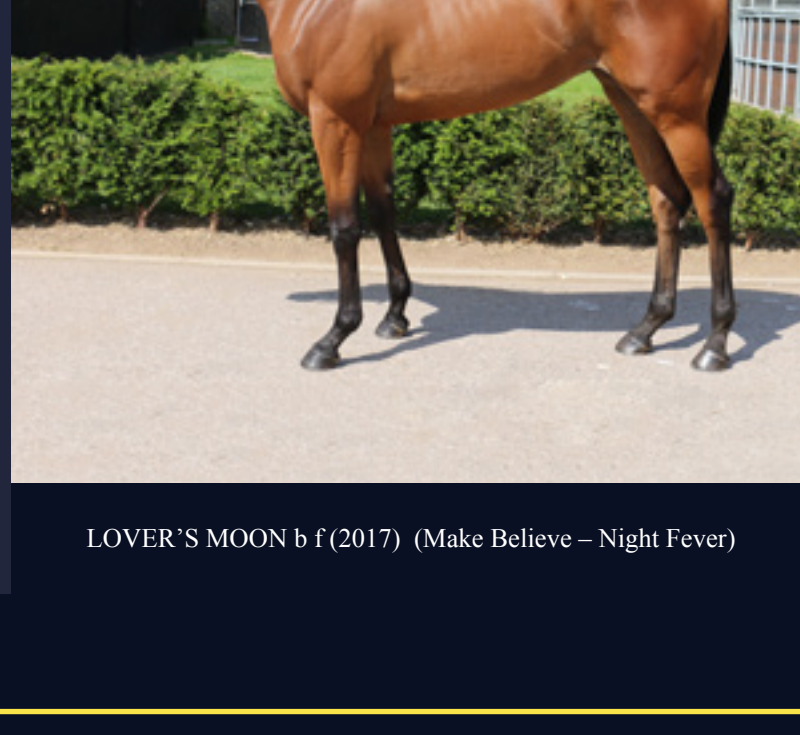
> Ladies Syndicate - 20% share remaining

ANIMATEUR ch c (2017)

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> Shares available

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LOVER'S MOON b f (2017) (Make Believe - Night Fever)

